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CORE NETWORK OF ROADS UNDER PMGSY
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the width of roads being constructed under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY);

(b) whether the Government has issued guidelines regarding preparation of Core Network of roads and Order of Priority under the said scheme;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has received complaints regarding non-inclusion of several rural roads in such list;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU)

(a) The Rural Roads constructed under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) should meet the geometric design standards given in the Rural Roads Manual of Indian Road Congress (IRC) (IRC:SP20:2002) and also where required, the Hill Roads Manual (IRC:S:48). As per IRC:SP20:2002, recommended carriage way width for Rural Roads (ODR and VR) is 3.75 m and may be restricted to 3.0 m, where traffic intensity is low.

(b) to (f) Yes, Sir. The programme guidelines for Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) provides for preparation of Core Network of roads and order of priority. The methodology to be followed is elaborated in operations manual. Both the documents are available on website www.pmgsy.nic.in. Both Core Network and Order of Priority is prepared in accordance with PMGSY guidelines by the States, duly approved by District Panchayats and State level Standing Committee. The PMGSY has an inbuilt mechanism for consultation with public representatives from Panchayat to Parliament at various points of the programme. Any suggestion for the inclusion of the rural road in the Core Network of any State is referred to concerned State Government for taking appropriate action. The State Rural Road Development Agencies were requested to prepare the Block level Core Network data during October, 2004 and October, 2005.